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Tramway Conductors Refuse To Take Fares

American Accused Of Spying

ARRESTED IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, Dec. 23.—The Hungarian government officially announced tonight that it had arrested Israel Jacobson, American Jewish Welfare worker, on suspicion of spying against the Hungarian State.

Mr. Jacobson, Director in Hungary of the American Joint Distribution Committee, was arrested a week ago after returning here from a leave in the U.S.

The Hungarian Foreign Ministry made its announcement in a brief communique which said:

"I. G. Jacobson, foreign citizen, was detained by the State Security authorities for the suspicion of spying against the Hungarian State."

Hungarian officials declined any further comment on the statement.

NO CONTACT

It could not be learned whether the statement meant that Mr. Jacobson would soon be tried on espionage charges.

The Foreign Ministry statement was the first official word from the government about Mr. Jacobson's arrest. Hungarian officials had confirmed to the American Legation in Budapest, however, Mr. Jacobson had been arrested. American officials have tried vainly for a week to see him.

The State Department recently banned all private travel to Hungary by American citizens as the result of the arrest of Mr. Jacobson and earlier arrest of Robert Vogel, Assistant Vice President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Jacobson, of Rochester, New York, is the third Allied citizen known to be in a Hungarian gulag on espionage charges.—Associated Press.

The Christmas Holidays

During the Christmas holidays publication of the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph will be as follows:

S. C. M. Post:—The Sunday issue as usual tomorrow, but no publication on Monday or Tuesday. The paper will resume publication on Wednesday morning.

Hongkong Telegraph:—No publication on Monday, but an early issue on Tuesday. The papers will be on sale at noon.

Xmas Strike By Musicians Called Off

London, Dec. 23.—A Christmas strike of British musicians, which threatened to deprive more than 50 provincial theatres and music halls of their orchestras, was called off today.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, had described the musicians' strike plan as illegal and referred the dispute, which is over demands for increased wages, to the National Arbitration Tribunal.

Theatre managers and the Musicians' Union are to meet next Thursday to discuss the whole problem they stated last night. Meanwhile, contracts will be on a weekly basis at the present rates until new ones are negotiated.—Reuter.

House Collapses: Six Killed

Casablanca, Dec. 23.—Six dead and 35 injured, 10 of them seriously, have been recovered from the debris of a house in Fez, Morocco, which collapsed last night during a meeting of Algerian students.—Reuter.

NEW MOVE IN DISPUTE WITH MANAGEMENT

Thousands of workers, shoppers, and, of course those who have nothing else to do, had free tram rides this morning as Tramway conductors, carrying out their threat to "go slow", refused to take any fares.

Trams become dangerously overcrowded as neither conductors nor drivers made any attempt to control the number of people boarding them.

Even the upper decks were crowded with standing passengers.

Contacted early this morning, Mr. W. F. Simmonds, General Manager of Hongkong Tramways, said he had not then had time to assess the situation. He was waiting for factual reports.

Asked if he considered withdrawing the trams from operation in view of the dangers of overcrowding, Mr. Simmonds said he could not indicate what action might be taken because he was awaiting reports.

He added he would be holding consultations during the morning.

The trams gave all the appearance this morning of being operated in a normal way. The regulation stops were observed and the drivers went at the usual speeds.

The only noticeable difference was that all trams were grossly overcrowded. Conductors stood alongside drivers, but made no endeavours to control passengers alighting or boarding, nor did they take any fares.

The Company's European and Chinese inspectors, it was officially reported, continued to work as usual.

A Telegraph reporter who travelled on some of the cars found that the conductors were

standing together with the passengers and made no attempt to collect fares. Passengers from other cars said that in some cases the conductors did collect fares when such were offered.

The conductors said that they intended to carry on this "go slow tactic" for a short period to see what reaction would come from the company towards their demand for an improvement of their treatment.

The conductors also said that the normal number of cars, about 110 vehicles, were on service.

The trams were proceeding at about their normal speed, although some appeared to be slower than usual. Almost all of them were extremely crowded. The gatesmen made no attempt to limit the number of passengers entering the cars.

The overcrowding was due to the fact that in addition to the monthly ticket holders and normal passengers there were many who took advantage of the free rides to travel short distances.

Some of the drivers said that they earned about \$190 per month including allowances and they said that they made their demand for economical and no other reasons.

WALKOUT AVERTED

A reporter who attended the workers' meeting last night found that a general walkout was averted mainly because of the strong persuasion by the leading representatives of the workers, who argued that if all cars were stopped on Christmas Eve it would greatly inconvenience the public.

The representatives and some other speakers told the meeting that by having a general strike it would hurt three parties, the public, the workers and the company. But by "going slow" it would narrow down the affected parties to one.

Although there were some very heated arguments because a few of the workers asked for an immediate strike the leaders on the whole maintained order through the meeting of several hours held on top of the roof of four houses in Wanchai. The Police was present at the meeting to prevent any untoward incidents.

Bank Robbers Arrested

Munich, Dec. 23.—American Army agents today arrested seven members of the largest bank holdup gang in postwar Germany in the hunt for whom a British and a Norwegian employee of the Anglo-Saxon Oil Company were arrested in arrest as suspects earlier this month.

An American Criminal Investigation Department spokesman said that five Polish displaced persons and two Germans were today arrested before an American occupation court and held on charges of having staged an armed bank robbery in the Chiemsee area, southern Bavaria, on December 9.—Reuter.



Isbrandtsen Line Masters May Lose Licenses If They Run S'hai Blockade

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Government has warned the Isbrandtsen Line that the masters of any of its ships which enter the Chinese Communist port of Shanghai, may lose their licenses, it was announced on Friday.

The warning, the State Department said, was delivered to the master of the Isbrandtsen ship "Flying Arrow" at Okinawa last Sunday and to the same ship in Pusan, Korea, on Tuesday.

Mr. H. J. Isbrandtsen, president and owner of the New York Line, told the United Press that he has no intention of changing his shipping schedules which were made out many

months in advance. They provide for regular calls at Shanghai, which Nationalist-Chinese naval forces are trying to blockade. His ships have had several encounters with the Nationalist navy. Two of his ships, "Flying Cloud" and "Sir John Franklin," were damaged by shells from Nationalist naval vessels.

Huge Crowds Jam London Shopping Centre

London, Dec. 23.—Dense crowds of Christmas shoppers in Bond Street, Oxford Street and the Strand have caused some of the worst traffic jams experienced in the West End of London since before the war.

The traditional Christmas fare is more plentiful, with the exception of turkey, which is scarce. Some items, such as coconuts, have recently made their appearance in the shops for the first time since the war.

Restaurants and hotels report record bookings at gala dinners. The main centre of attraction for Londoners is the giant Christmas tree, a present by Norway, which has been erected in Trafalgar Square.

Its coloured lights, surrounded by floodlit fountains, make a picturesque spectacle.

The Railways anticipate carrying one hundred thousand people to the country today and on Christmas Eve. Long queues were the rule at all London railway termini today.—Reuter.

Shah Has Cold

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Hospital reported today that the Shah of Iran continued to suffer a slight cold and this had temporarily halted the physical check-up for which he entered the Hospital on Wednesday.

The bulletin issued by the Hospital today said: "His Majesty's mild respiratory infection, with which he entered hospital, continues. Further diagnostic studies were temporarily discontinued although it is expected they will be resumed tomorrow."—United Press.

Peking Warns HK Govt.

RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO AIRLINES' PROPERTY

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The attention of the Hongkong Government was tonight again drawn to the recent statement made by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, in which he said that the Government of the British Colony would have to bear full responsibility if the properties of the aviation companies CNAC and CATC were illegally encroached upon, moved or damaged.

This was reported tonight by Peking Radio which quoted a statement by Chung Chih-ping, head of the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Central People's Government, regarding what was described as "the illegal attempt by Chennault and Willauer to seize the properties of the two aviation corporations—CNAC and CATC—in Hongkong."

Chung recalled that Chou En-lai had made known in his statement of December 2 that the CNAC and CATC belonged to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and that they were under the direct control of the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Communist Government.

"NOT LEGAL"

According to Peking Radio, Chung tonight stated, "All attempts of the Kuomintang, Chennault and Willauer to seize the properties of the two aviation corporations are not in the least legal because Clause 2 of Section 8 in the contract of the China National Aviation Corporation stipulates that shares of the CNAC are not to be sold to private persons."

Premier Chou En-lai has pointed out that the Hongkong Government must bear full responsibility if the properties of the two aviation corporations in Hongkong were once more drawn the attention of the Hongkong Government to this statement.—Reuter.

"Because Chennault and Willauer are attempting to illegally encroach upon and move the properties of our two aviation corporations in Hongkong, we once more draw the attention of the Hongkong Government to this statement."

EDITORIAL

The Message Of Christmas

THE Christmas season, with its message of peace of earth, goodwill toward men, is with us again. The event, as well as the sentiments it evokes, are welcome because, while there is little visible evidence either of international peace or goodwill, Christmas does at least promote the longing for both. It is also a reminder that the world needs an inspiration to realise either. If there has been a departure over the centuries from regarding Christmas as essentially a religious festival, and to have given way to more secular celebrations—of feasting and jolly-making, it still has succeeded in retaining one characteristic—the spirit and actions of thoughtfulness and kindness. Even in the face of a world still torn by suffering and divided by irreconcilable political ideologies, Christian people still believe in the promise of the angels of "peace on earth among all men of goodwill." And it is just this faith which holds out the greatest encouragement that peace and genuine neighbourliness will dominate relations between nations. Only the incorrigible cynics and defeatists decry the spirit of Christmas—the one established period of the year when self spontaneously gives way to service for others; and these so-called realists are scorned, and rightly so, by their fellow men. Nevertheless, until the easily-aroused sentiments of Christmas can be sustained through the twelve months that follow, they inevitably lose their meaning and become relegated to the ephemeral state of emotionalism. In fact, unless the Christmas message can make the world realise its mistakes of the past year and arouse a determination that they shall

be not repeated, the festival will be but another wasted interlude. The year just ending cannot, unhappily, be claimed to have left the world feeling much nearer to international and permanent peace. The "cold war" which started in 1917 has become aggravated, and the signs are that statesmen and politicians feel the necessity of preparing for a conflict, rather than to concentrate on consolidating and expanding peaceful relations. Internationally the Christian world receives Christmas 1949, with certain feelings of apprehension, and there is a danger that the festival will be used as a medium for escapism instead of dedication to higher ideals and actions in the future. It has been observed before, and it remains true, that the peace of the universe depends on the goodwill of the People. They alone, through their insistence that the message, spirit and intention of Christmas remain the continuous policy controlling international relations, can prevent the destruction of peace so desperately desired. While, therefore, all men of goodwill will join this weekend in exchanging Christmas greetings and express hopes for a peaceful and happier New Year, these will amount to so many cynical platitudes unless the same men can repeat them in words and deeds when the transient festivities are over. Believing that ultimately the Christmas message will become the dominating precept by which the world will live, we too offer to all seasonal greetings, expressing the hope that all will spend a joyous Christmas and will be participants in a happy and peaceful New Year.

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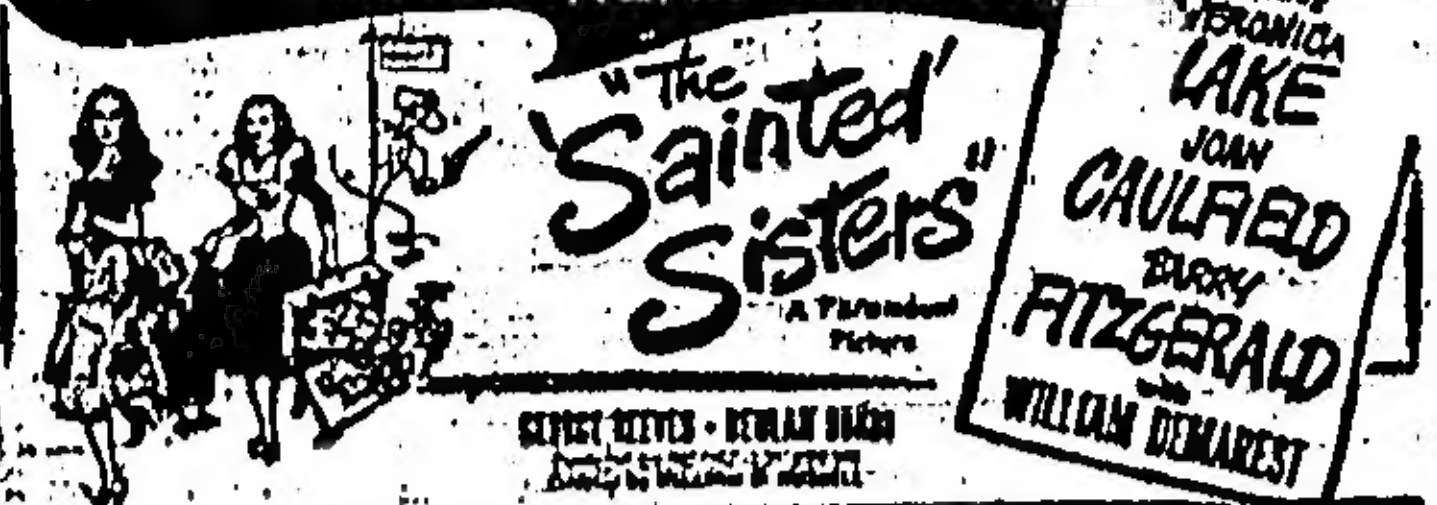
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Ann Todd • Margaret Lockwood • John Mills • Joan Simmons

Big Money-makers?

Who are Mr Rank's most dependable money magnets at the box-office? We shall soon learn his view—for the chosen stars will be on work parade at Pinewood in the New Year.

As Denham closes down, Pinewood is about to enter on the most critical six months of its history. At the end of that period Mr Rank has to decide whether he can carry on production or not.

So the pictures—and stars—going on the studio floor between January and June will carry a load of responsibility. Upon their success may well depend the future of Britain's biggest film organisation.

Who are likely to lead Pinewood's stars of destiny during the testing-time of 1950?

★ MARGARET LOCKWOOD after her Peter Pan season and tour. Even after a year's studio absence, her name is still gilt-edged stock at the box-office.

But the picture will not be Vanity Fair that is thought of speculation for crisis-time. A more up-to-date script is wanted for Margaret.

★ JOHN MILLS. He is in so much demand that his stage return is being continually postponed.

★ ANN TODD—in a modern comedy (as a contrast to the recently completed 'Madeleine'), probably without husband David Lean directing this time.

★ And then, of course, there is JEAN SIMMONS. She finishes "So Long at the Fair" this week—under the special care of one producer, Betty Box, and two directors—Anthony Darnborough and Terence Fisher.

Last to go

If Rank production did close down, Miss Simmons would be the last to go. So there are two new pictures planned for her, "Clouded Yellow," a thriller in which she will play a "butterfly"-like heiress—possibly with Trevor Howard co-starring, and "China Run," which is to present her as the skipper of a schooner on the China Coast.

Here is Jean Simmons—at 20, Mr Rank's top hope in his

coming fight—talking about her own future.

"Next July means one of two things for me, if production goes on, my money is due to go up, if production closes down, I'm out."

"What would happen then I don't know, I suppose I could be sub-contracted out to another company."

"Hollywood? Yes, I should love to make one picture there, just for the experience—and thrill. Who wouldn't?"

"But, most of all, I'm crossing my fingers and hoping the old firm can carry on—and carry me with them. After all, I owe everything to them—where would I be otherwise?"

"And I hope that doesn't sound like just shooting a corny line, because I honestly mean it."

Other pictures for Pinewood's now-or-never period?

A Somerset Maugham Trio—to follow up the success of his Quartet—comprising three celebrated stories: "Mr Know-All," "The Sanatorium" (which will run for an hour) and "The Verger." No cast chosen yet; but Mr Maugham has already visited the studios to act his introductory scene.

Also a projected version of "Tony Draws a Horse," Lesley Storm's witty stage comedy on a facts-of-life theme. John Paddy Carstairs directing, Cecil Parker and Marjorie Fielding in mind for the leads.

That is, if a screen script can be hammered out which will get by the British and American censors (the latter are already raising their eyebrows).

Pinewood is hoping that censorship will not, in this case, be less progressive than the modern school education syllabus.

—(London Express Service).

GREETINGS FROM ANN BLYTH

SLEEPER
OF '49

Making a sleeper picture is like finding gold or hitting the jackpot in any other way. A sleeper is a picture which has been under a modest budget and becomes a success far greater than the producers anticipated.

Movie insiders are calling RKO Radio's "The Window," the Sleeper of 1949. A picture of Cornell Woolrich's thrilling mystery story, "The Boy Called Murder," the cast is headed by Barbara Hale, Bobby Driscoll, Arthur Kennedy, Paul Stewart and Ruth Roman. Kennedy, incidentally, is now a hit on Broadway in a leading role in "Death of a Salesman."

Sleepers of the past have done much to brighten the history of the screen. One of the outstanding sleepers was "Happened One Night," which won Academy Awards for its stars, Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. Many consider "Johnny Belinda" a sleeper and it is said, that Jane Wyman fought considerable opposition before she was permitted to play the role that won her an Oscar.

One of the greatest sleepers was "Hitler's Children," which cost RKO about \$175,000 and grossed more than \$6,000,000. The late Mark Hellinger's career as a film producer was launched with a sleeper—"The Killers."

Other notable sleepers include "Dillinger," "A Man to Remember," which was the first picture directed by Garson Kanin; "Miracle on 34th Street," "Sitting Pretty" and "Mogie."

With such examples to guide them the experts say they don't need a crystal ball to justify their prediction that "The Window" is the sleeper of 1949.

THE ONE AND ONLY

Who is the tallest male motion picture star?
Which has the most hair on his chest?

Which cost the most in salary for a single picture?

Which can lift his adult leading lady with one finger?

Which can out-pull 10 wrestlers in a rope tug-of-war... drag a horse off his feet... climb the side of a building as easily as another would go up stairs?

Not Gable or Flynn. This super-star is one Joe Young.

Joe is an ape who plays the title role in Merian C. Cooper's "Mighty Joe Young."

The ape, a lovable, sympathetic character, 10 feet tall, lifted blonde Terry Moore to his shoulder with a finger, pulled co-star Ben Johnson off a horse, and performed more acrobatic heroics than bounding Douglas Fairbanks during his most athletic days.

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Her petition to the Vatican to be released from her vows after 28 years was accepted and a papal rescript issued permitting her to return to the outside world.

By . . . **MONICA BALDWIN**

LOOKING back, it now seems to me that what was hardest to human nature in religious life was the absolute subjection of one's free will to the exigencies of the Rule of the Order.

From the moment of awakening till the hour when at last you fall asleep, the Rule holds you in its grip.

One prays, reads, eats, walks in the garden, at the appointed hour; no religious is allowed to follow her own inclinations in the disposal of her time.

When the cloister bell rings as the signal for a change of occupation, all must abandon whatever they are doing.

Should you be writing, no matter how ardently genius may burn, the Rule exacts that you should break off in the middle, not only of a sentence, but of a word.

To "disobey the first sound of the bell" and con-

tinue—even for an instant—an occupation which, the moment the bell sounds, has ceased to be "of Rule," is to commit a fault.

Neither are you left free as to the manner in which you do things. Everything is ordained, down to the very way you sit or move or hold your hands.

Even when you sweep or dust, it must be done exactly in the particular fashion that was taught to you in the Noviceship.

So deeply did the Rule cut into one's liberty that even the mind was subject, at certain times, to the most rigorous discipline.

Half an hour before the last bell which summoned the nuns to the Divine Office, the cloister bell rang solemnly to remind them that "strict silence" had begun and that, from now onwards, until that particular "hour" of the Divine Office should be ended, to occupy the mind with anything but spiritual thoughts

nally by the votes of the choir nuns. Her position was that of mother to the community. The extreme respect shown to her was based upon the idea that in the monastery she held the place of Christ.

The nuns, until they had been for a certain number of years in the community, always knelt when she spoke to them.

When she passed, they had to rise and bow as she went by. Her will was supreme.

She herself was expected to be in all things a model of perfection.

The choir nuns also elected perhaps 16 or 17 sisters who represented them, much as an M.P. represents his constituency.

These sisters were consulted when important decisions had to be taken by the prioress.

The actual work of the house was divided up among the "officers."

Of these, the sacristan had one of the most important and arduous tasks. Two other nuns—usually among the strongest—were allowed to her as helps.

One was always responsible for the bell-ringing in choir and cloister which called the nuns to various duties.

She had also to start the "peal" rung in the choir for five minutes or so before each part of the Divine Office.

On high festivals, the sacristan's life was a perfect nightmare of bell-ringing. She seldom put on weight for lack of exercise.

Should she be late to ring, or forget altogether, the earth shook and trembled, for the entire community would be seriously inconvenienced.

Church linen and vestments were kept in an ancient room called the custrary.

Here were long chests with deep drawers full of cotons and silks, each one folded in the thickest possible accordion pleats, and then bound tightly with strappings of linen or tape.

The snowy gossamer lawn out of which most of them were fashioned was lace—edged—priceless, historic lace, including sharp intakes of breath and wide eye-openings when shown to connoisseurs.

And what masses of it! Cream foam-colour, ivory, linen-white, ghost-grey, or palest oyster—all the faint, indescribably quartered between white and white that only exist in lace. Each piece had its pedigree.

Most of it was well over a yard in depth.

SELF-DENIAL is not enough

THIS is no place in which to set forth the motives which inspire the penitential practices of the religious orders.

It is, however, interesting to note that the extraordinary penances of the saints were not so much the outcome of a desire for their own sanctification as a tremendous urge to help and save and, if possible, atone for the sins and sufferings of a world which has very largely lost the true idea of God.

The life itself—hard, silent, rigorous, austere—is packed with opportunities for self-denial. And yet, for many souls, even that does not seem to be enough.



A Novice presents her petition in Chapter asking to be received into the Order.

set my heart on was in reality His Will for me. Instead of which, I simply took the bit between my teeth and galloped onwards.

Now it stands to reason that religious life, which is essentially a life of sacrifice, will never succeed if it is based on selfishness.

And I fear (though it deeply humiliates me to confess it) there can be no doubt that selfishness was the foundation on which my own religious life was built.

From this the trouble sprang. It must have been, I think, after about ten years in the convent that I first began to wonder, miserably, whether I had not, perhaps, made a dreadful and tragic mistake.

The idea so disturbed me that I put it aside as a temptation. I dared tell no one. It seemed to me, however, that mistake or no mistake, I had taken a step from which there could be no withdrawing.

The only thing to do was to set one's teeth and go on with it, if not from inclination, then by sheer dogged force of will. But at last came a day when I knew that I could blink the truth no longer. I was no more fitted to be a nun than to be an acrobat.

It was then that I finally made up my mind that I must go.

The End

[These articles are extracts from the book "I Leap Over the Wall," by Monica Baldwin, published by Hamish Hamilton, Ltd.]

(London Express Services)

HIGHEST way of living

I WAS 17 when the idea first came to me that I had a "vocation" to be a nun.

It seemed to me the very highest way of living to which a human being could aspire.

I will not analyse my mental processes during the next few months in order to prove to you exactly where I went wrong.

It is enough to say that, when I determined that I would go into a convent, it never occurred to me to ask myself—or indeed, anybody else—whether or not my religious vocation were a genuine affair.

I wanted to become a nun; it followed, therefore, as the night the day, that God must have chosen me. Because I wanted it, it must be the Will of God for me.

It now seems to me that my failure was largely the outcome of arrogance.

What I ought to have done was to take advice; then, fairly and squarely, to weigh up my faults, qualities and tendencies; and finally, humbly to pray that God would show me whether or no the life I had

Christmas Greetings

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COLONEL Leroy G. Hoston, U.S. Air Force Liaison Officer in Hongkong, and Mrs. Hoston (centre of group) were welcomed to Hongkong at a cocktail party given at the Correspondents Club last week. On the left are Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Bolton, and on the right are Major W. H. Saunders and Commander A. W. Long. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

GROUP photograph taken at the YWCA, Duddell Street, last Saturday when members of the Tusitala Club entertained children of the Boys and Girls Clubs at a Christmas party. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Three of the characters in the Nativity play presented at St John's Hall last Saturday by children of the Northcote Training College Attached School. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE christening of Thana Margaret, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Crighton, at the Holy Trinity Church last week, was attended by a large group of friends. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CHILDREN of the Quarry Bay School snapped at their Christmas concert last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TEAMS representing Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., taken before their cricket match last Sunday. The former won. (Ming Yuen)



TWO pictures taken at the Christmas party for children given by the Y's Men's Club at the Sun Kwong School last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

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MR Kenneth Chan and Miss Helen Wei, who were married at the English Methodist Church last Saturday, photographed with their attendants. (Ming Yuen)



MR and Mrs Charles L. Becker, who celebrated their silver wedding by giving a big party at St Andrew's Church Hall last week. They were married at St Andrew's Church. (S. Becker)

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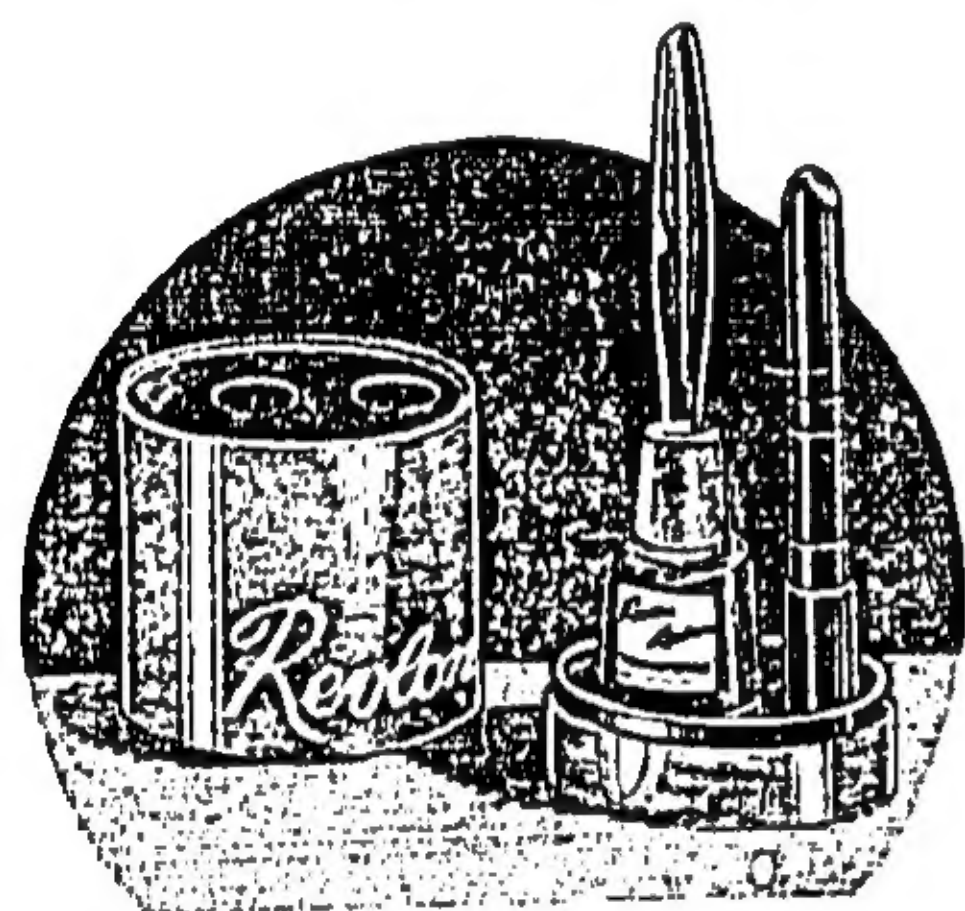
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Frederick Starke's evening dress in metallic brown duchesse dogana satin, strapless, slim-skirted and sophisticated, with large bows on hip. Long gloves cuffed with beaver are worn with the dress.

Also from Frederick Starke is this short evening dress (right) consisting of sunny pleated black tulle overskirt with faille underskirt. Bodice is gold "coat-of-mail."

**Matching
Make-Up With
Hair Shades**

By HELEN FOLLETT

FOR the brunette with dark hair, brown eyes and fair complexion a delicate rose powder may prove more alluring than rouge, which is most often recommended. With the flesh tint one can do away with commercial blushes that are not as popular as they used to be when it was the practice to lay on the glow with a lavish hand.

For Blondes

For the blonde lovelies there are exquisite shades that remind one of the petals of a rose—creamy pinks that give softness and character to the skin and a delicate, porcelain-like finish.

She of the florid complexion believes that her problems are really tough. Believe it or not, but a little powder mixed with green tones dim the natural high lights. This must be blended to order at a cosmetic bar.

If there is natural colouring, a flesh tinted powder or pancake make-up will fit the bill. If pallor is present, use a golden powder, touching the cheeks lightly with rouge of the color of the wild rose and send a lipstick of darker tone, but belonging to the same colour family.

Mauve Powder

Only the blue-eyed, white haired sisters can find any possible use for mauve powder. This type usually has a delicate rather transparent skin and mauve seems to give accent to the dainty texture. Mauve eye shadows can be used. They really do something.

Apply powder lightly. Fluff on a little, add a little more. That is a better method than tapping on a cloud of the stuff, grinding it in with the pad. Tap the flesh lightly afterwards with your fingertips. Another good way to blend powder is with a brush.

The red head has problems that are problems. She must consider the colour of her hair as well as the tone of her complexion.

The flaming that has many variations sometimes it is a mixture of auburn and copper shades, in which event she should select a lip stick and rouge of orange-red. This rule also applies to the carrot-top, if she will forgive us for calling her that.

Some brown tresses show red glints, but they are no problem. Forget them, consider only the natural colouring of the skin, seeking powder, rouge and lipstick that will flatter.

by SUSAN DEACON

Wear pearls on your shoulder for a change

CHRISTMAS parties are the gayest of the year and your clothes should be in the mood of the season.

Look through your wardrobe now. There is still time for last-minute alterations.

Think up new ideas for wearing your jewellery. For evening, wear your pearls wound round one shoulder strap instead of round the throat. If you are buying new jewellery remember that a gilt snake necklace is more fashionable than a pearl choker.

Glamorous net

GET new ideas into your clothes, too. Many women who bought full taffeta waist petticoats to wear with the old New Look find that there is no use for them now that the fashion silhouette is slimmer. But why not have a net overskirt made, using the taffeta slip as a base?

Have the net finely pleated (this can be done at most large stores) and stitch it on a velvet waist-band. (Sketch No. 4.) On Christmas night tuck a large red rose or bright chiffon handkerchief into the waist-band.

Alternatively, make your net skirt filled in two tiers (Sketch No. 1), and sprinkle the top tier with sequins or tiny velvet bows. These net over-skirts are glamorous and in the party mood.

Crushes easily

BUT if you have to travel far from your home to attend a party, remember that net crushes easily and looks attractive only if it is fresh and uncrushed.

Over your skirt wear a plain jumper or blouse with a boat-shaped neck line.

Brighten this with sequins or brightly coloured beads stitched on in clusters.

Make a wide velvet band on elastic to wear on your hair, and fix tiny alternate bunches of holly and mistletoe along the velvet. (Sketch No. 2.)

Many stores now sell artificial sprays of mistletoe, which are pretty to wear on your hair, and will not lose their berries. Fasten a spray to the wrist of your black gloves. (Sketch No. 3.)

Paper chains and festoons are not so much in favour for house decoration these days.

Dresses For The Fireside Or Out-Of-Doors Christmas

LONDON.

CHRISTMAS in a cold climate might be expected to have a definite influence on the clothes chosen for festive occasions. But on a tour round the London stores I found the attractive tinsel-decorated sweaters and swirling woollen evening skirts that are normally so popular are second favourite.

By **Joan Erskine**

Women have succumbed in their thousands to the lure of sequin-scattered net or tulle. Fine net overskirts, which can usually be detached, set styles and fascinations, fully gathered net peplums which tie round the waist with a narrow ribbon, ruched net bodices, are only a few of the ways in which this humble material is gaining fashion fame.

Colours are grayer than they have been for some time. Pastel shades are everywhere, contrasting sharply with sombre shot-black satins. Grecian-style draped chiffon evening dresses, with bands of silver or gold thread embroidery suit tall women with classic features and smooth hair-styles, but are apt to look like nightdresses on others.

The really short tight evening dress—favourite of the 1950 fashion—has not yet superseded the full-skirted ballet length dress which not only holds its own against newer fashions, but manages to look demure and futuristic into the bargain!

For Grand Occasions

For grand occasions Frederick Starke has designed an evening dress in metallic brown duchesse dogana satin, strapless, slim-skirted, and sophisticated, with large bows emphasising the hips. Long matching gloves cuffed with beaver are worn. (Illustrated).

For less formal affairs he created a graceful short evening or cocktail outfit. The skirt is sunny pleated black tulle over a faille underskirt. The bodice is glittering "coat of mail" of gold thread and sequins. A long sleeved jacket or blouse would immediately make this suitable for afternoon tea or an evening at the theatre. (Illustrated).

Teenagers are receiving a flattering amount of attention

this year. Recently a well-known West End store opened its "Teenage Bar." One end of the department is curved, and has a high counter with stools around it, resembling a real cocktail bar. Here the teenager is served with accessories of every kind in an appetising manner! The hats are a little more inspired than the "Billy Boy" variety that the unfortunate in-betweeners have been forced to wear for so long; the evening dresses, show more thought for a sensitive young mind.

Teen-age Glamour

But still the favourite colours for the 12 to 15-year-olds are pink and blue. I saw several dresses in crepe with softly gathered skirts, deep cape collars, and tiny puff sleeves, and others with circular skirts hanging in deep folds. The colours ranged from deep coral to ice-cream pink, and from saxe blue to the palest "watered-lake" shades. Caped sleeves and ruffled necks were cleverly designed to hide awkwardness.

Little girl dresses—replicas of the teen-age styles—a remarkably suitable for children. They are dainty and pretty, mostly in fine organdie, voile or muslin. Most of them have high necks, Peter Pan collar and puff sleeves, and nearly all the skirts are flared. Why try and invent fantastic new styles for children? The little girls I saw gazing wide-eyed at the selection in front of them, and tugging at their parent's hand to attract attention to them, were far from critical, and after all, they have to wear the dresses. And evening cloaks for little girls seem to be on the Red Riding Hood line.

Gay For Babies, Too

A quick look at the baby department assured us that babies are going gay for Christmas too. Exquisite nylon fabrics of every kind and the finest silk lace was used to make their minute dresses.

In another London store I found that present buying had followed two distinct trends. Clothes and furs or pets and perfume. A roaring trade had been done in Siamese kittens with their mysterious odd-coloured eyes and cloof manner. Short fur capes, in spite of the heavy tax, had sold well. Extremely impractical dainty high-heeled dancing sandals were being bought along with a concession to London climate—thick warm fur foot-muffs! Those of us who wanted a little something different to wear took a quick look at the collections seen in London no far. They gave us the following ideas:

Why not an all-white wool dress? The one seen had cap

Popularity Mounting

COTTONS are becoming more and more popular in Britain and women are beginning to realise that even when the sun is blazing cotton can be an appropriate choice for a suit or a dress. The emphasis on plain cottons, too, is becoming apparent and an interesting point about the recent Horrockses' Fashion Show was the emphasis on monotone jacquard cottons and shot poplins which proved to have a chic which even the printed designs could hardly equal.

Variety Motifs

These plain cottons often appeared for beautifully tailored dresses, teamed with formal accessories. Dark prints were shown for town wear, and such designs as tiny heart motifs in dull red or blue on a black ground and cotton tartans in dark green and blue shades aroused a great deal of interest. The usual vivid florals had given way to flower prints which were small and stylised, and checks gained from colour alliances, as in a black check combining lime green and petunia. Again prominence was given to rounded designs of Persian inspiration and featured among other novelties was a patch-work quilt motif and a "marble bust" design.

Pleats, Pleats

As is inevitable with cottons, full skirts were more prominent than straight ones, and unpressed pleats were skillfully used. In some cases, however, pleats were broken by plain bands at one side or each side of the front. Waist were still closely fitted and belts stiffened.

sleeves edged with fine gold thread and tiny gold buttons down the front. And what about really unusual colouring? Spectator Sports showed a purple grosgrain skirt worn with a white pique shirt with fly-away collar and an unique gold cross necklace. The effect was very regal. They also produced a very pretty dress with grey tuckered nylon strapless bodice, and circular skirt printed with an all-over design of red roses and green leaves.

Circular Net Skirt

Another interesting colour combination was formed by wearing a circular net skirt of brown over one of blue, with a fawn foundation. An iridescent effect was achieved.

For a hot day, we envied a sleeveless dress in navy linen, from Dorville, which opened to the waist and showed a white broderie anglaise modesty vest. A detachable overskirt of white broderie anglaise which opened down the front gave it a fragile appearance.

But whether it is a stay-at-home Christmas by the fire, or an out-of-door Christmas in the sun there are dresses for every conceivable occasion.

"Interplay"



"Interplay" From a new Louise collection, this 1950 suitlike dress has exciting interplay of black satin and crepe from the bodice to its peplum. Huge circular wheels at one shoulder and hip and a slim skirt complete the interesting silhouette.

FEMINE LIPS TYPIFY CHARACTER

Buffalo, N. Y. USE a steady hand when you put on that lipstick, sister. For, according to a New York University faculty member, the shape of your mouth is a tip-off to your whole personality. Mrs. Veronice Dengel, author and beauty engineer, counsels young men in search of a mate to study the prospects' lips. All feminine mouths can be classified in five categories, Mrs. Dengel claims. And here's the way she tabs them:

1. Thin lips—conservative type. This girl is usually an introvert. Most women in this category are content to remain spinsters and look upon men with suspicion. They lack feeling and are shy and reticent.
2. Large full lips—dramatic type. This girl is an extrovert. She is romantically expressive, theatrical and bizarre.
3. One thin and one full lip—executive type. This girl is the business type. She is serious and scholastically minded, works eagerly and conscientiously with any task and has a sensible balance of values.
4. Full centre—feminine type. This girl is the housewife type. She wants marriage and makes a successful career of marriage and love.

(London Express Service)

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

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WASH DAY WORK IS INFINITELY easier when the home-maker has a special cabinet where all necessary laundering supplies are always ready at hand.

By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

HAVE you a carpentry-minded husband in the family?

If so, you might suggest—in a nice subtle way, of course—that wash day would be a whole lot easier for you if you had a special utility cabinet to hang on the wall near washing machine or tub that would hold all of your washing essentials.

The cabinet shown is made of 3/4 in. birch plywood, but it could be made of almost any other hard wood, or even a soft wood such as pine. Finished with glossy white enamel, or any water-resistant paint, it's easily kept clean with an occasional quick going-over with a damp cloth.

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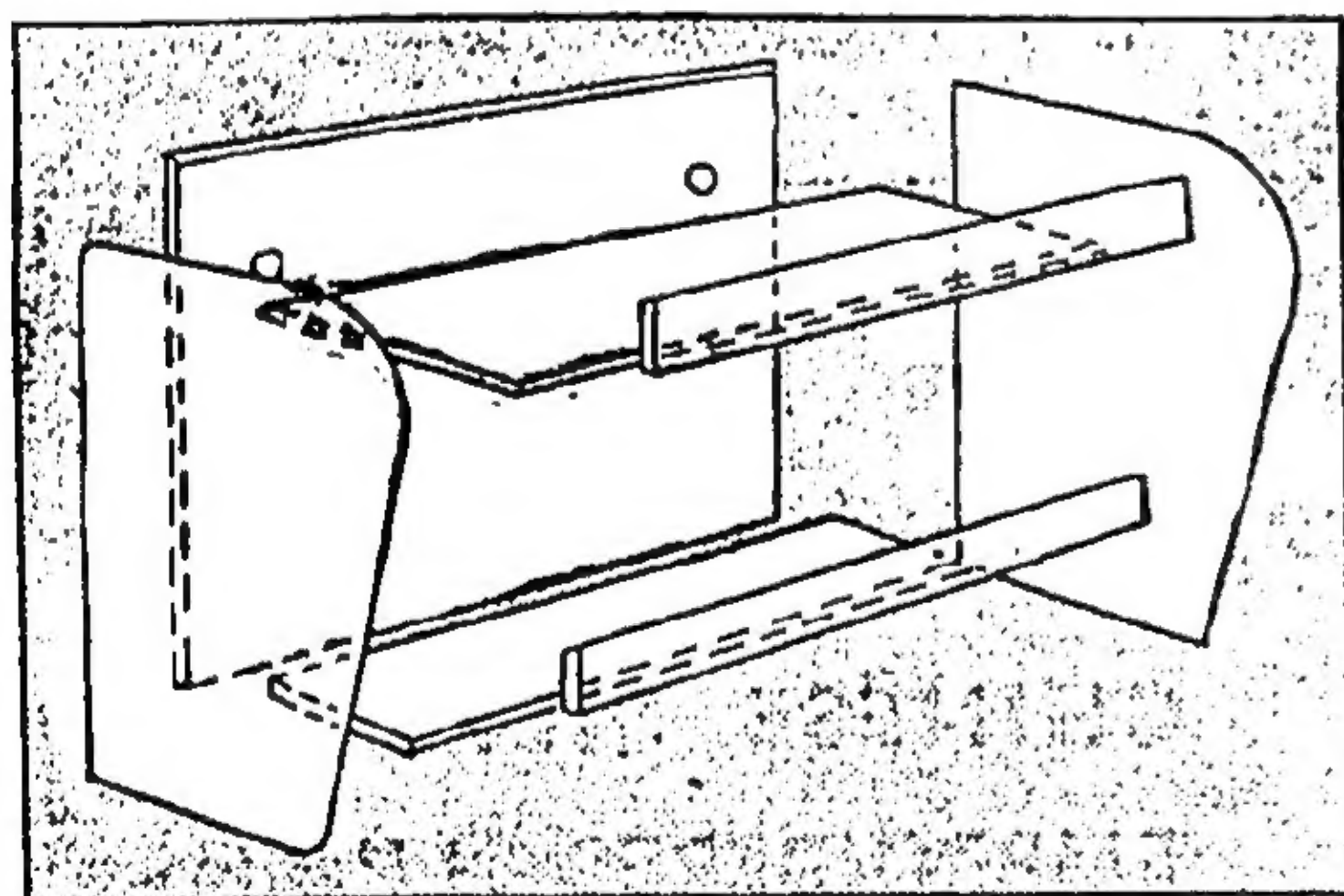
Two shelves, each 15 in. long, with a lip or ledge running across the front of each, and with side and back pieces, make the simple cabinet, whose total height is 12 in. The depth

of the top shelf is 7 1/2 in. and of the bottom, 6 in. Two hooks screw into each side for hanging objects, such as clothes pin bag, clothes line, etc., and screws attach the cabinet to the wall.

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Designer Ernest Herrmann gives assurance that only the most elementary tools are needed in the construction work—a small saw, hammer, nails and sandpaper. He suggests that in order to make sure both sides are identical, saw them out roughly, then nail them together and sandpaper them simultaneously to exactly the same shape and smoothness.

Complete washday supplies for storing in the cabinet should include (with leeway for substitution) the washing product; dry starch; liquid starch; bowl for mixing starch; wooden spoon for stirring same; measuring cup, bleach, bluing, thermometer (so that water temperature can be accurately tested according to different types and colour-fastness of fabrics) and cleanser and brush for clean-up work.



AND HERE'S THE WAY THE seven simple pieces go together. To make both sides identical, saw them out, nail together and sandpaper to same shape.

Christmas Sparkles

KENT, O.

SOME of the nicest traditions of Christmas, including gift giving and greenery decoration, had their inception in the festival of the Roman Saturnalia, says Martin L. Davey, Jr., the tree expert. Holly boughs were sent as tokens of good will and dwellings were decked with holly branches and laurel.

The people and the senate presented gifts to the emperor and enjoyed a general exchange as well. When Christmas supplanted the Saturnalia, the customs survived and eventually became our own.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

MRS Katherine J. Rott of Buffalo is a woman who had to start her Christmas knitting early. The 87 year-old great-grandmother knits a sweater and mittens for each of her 50 great-grandchildren for Christmas. Mother, of eight and grandmother of 28, she recently received word of the birth of her 50th great-grandchild in Honolulu.

"I'm proud as a peacock," she said when informed the number of her descendants had grown to 23.



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WHEN I was young we had sacks of gold on our party tables!

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Stand a big sack or several little gold or silver foil-wrapped chocolate coins on a shiny red or green paper board or on a silver tray. Lay a white cloth, mark each infant guest's place with a there with the hands set for "mat" of the same shiny paper the time that the "party" comes in emerald or scarlet, and cut in to tea.

Circle napkins with rings of imitation holly or mistletoe, lay no place at the table top, but instead stand a clock cake



Consider TOMMY TORTOISE here. He's an old family friend. Humbling along on a plate or dish with a curly lot of marzipan get temptingly to his nose, he's a certain favourite with the undertones.

So is CLAUDE CATERPILLAR inching along a board like this:



If you highlight gold sacks, place a "sack" of sweets for each child in striped cottons, plaid silks, gay prints with fat bows to trim.

Scrounge short candlesticks—plenty of them—which can be masked with cotton wool, sprinkled with "frost," and filled with different coloured candles, all dotted about the table so that the points of light star the dishes irregularly.

No adult observes more acutely than a child and every touch of "difference" will be approved by your small visitors.

What to do

- 1 Raise chair levels with seat cushions so that at worst small noses reach table level.
- 2 Fill mugs or cups an easy non-spillable half-full.
- 3 See that hot chocolate or other such drinks are not too hot.
- 4 Disregard nursery rules, and let every child start, if he wishes, with the richest, messiest cake, and lay down no bread-and-butter-first embargoes.
- 5 Keep all candles well out of reach of curls, fingers, or hair ribbons.
- 6 Be prepared to go on playing food until you are content every child will be very full. If the ingredients are sound the casualty list will be low.

***THE SPONGE MIXTURE: You need 6ozs sugar 1/2lb. flour, 1 1/2 teaspoons golden raising powder, two large or three small eggs or three reconstituted dried eggs, vanilla essence, milk, 6ozs. margarine.

Cream fat and sugar together. Add flour and golden raising powder sifted together. Beat eggs singly with creamed mixture. Add flour. Fold in lightly. Add essence and few drops of milk. Turn into greased floured tins. Bake in moderate oven for 45 minutes.

***GOLD SACK CAKE: Sponge mixture baked in 7 1/2 in. diameter cake tin. Cut as diagram in stood on wide end and wrapped in almond paste. Almond paste "fill," plinched round top stuck with water or egg white. Ribbon bow. Gold or silver paper-covered chocolate coins to fill and scatter around.

***CLOCK CAKE: Plain sponge mixture, baked in a square tin. Stood on side, covered with white icing. Top and side trimmings in pink butter icing.

Plain icing pipe and pink butter icing to outline clock face and numerals (or cut in thin angelica). Angelica "hands," cherry centre. Fancy pipe either "rose" or "shell" for all trimmings.

Extra fancy: Cake sliced before icing and rejoined with layers of butter icing.

***FATELESS SPONGE FOR CLAUDE CATERPILLAR: Bake in a shallow Swiss roll tin; divide length-wise. Roll with jam into two narrow rolls, and join together with jam.

Lay on humps of butter icing. Cover whole surface with green butter icing. Pull into tall tip and nose tip. Cherry eye; stubby angelica legs.

***TOMMY TORTOISE: Plain sponge mixture, baked in sandwich tin.

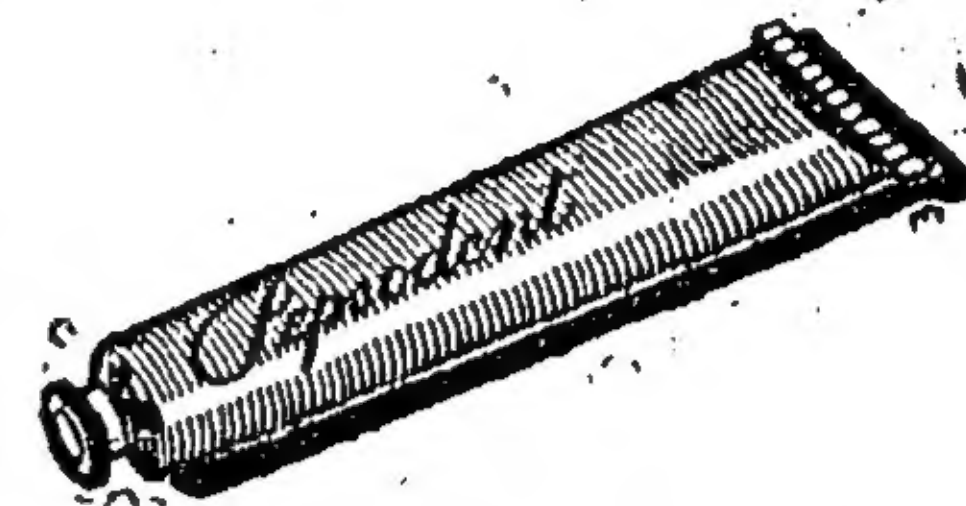
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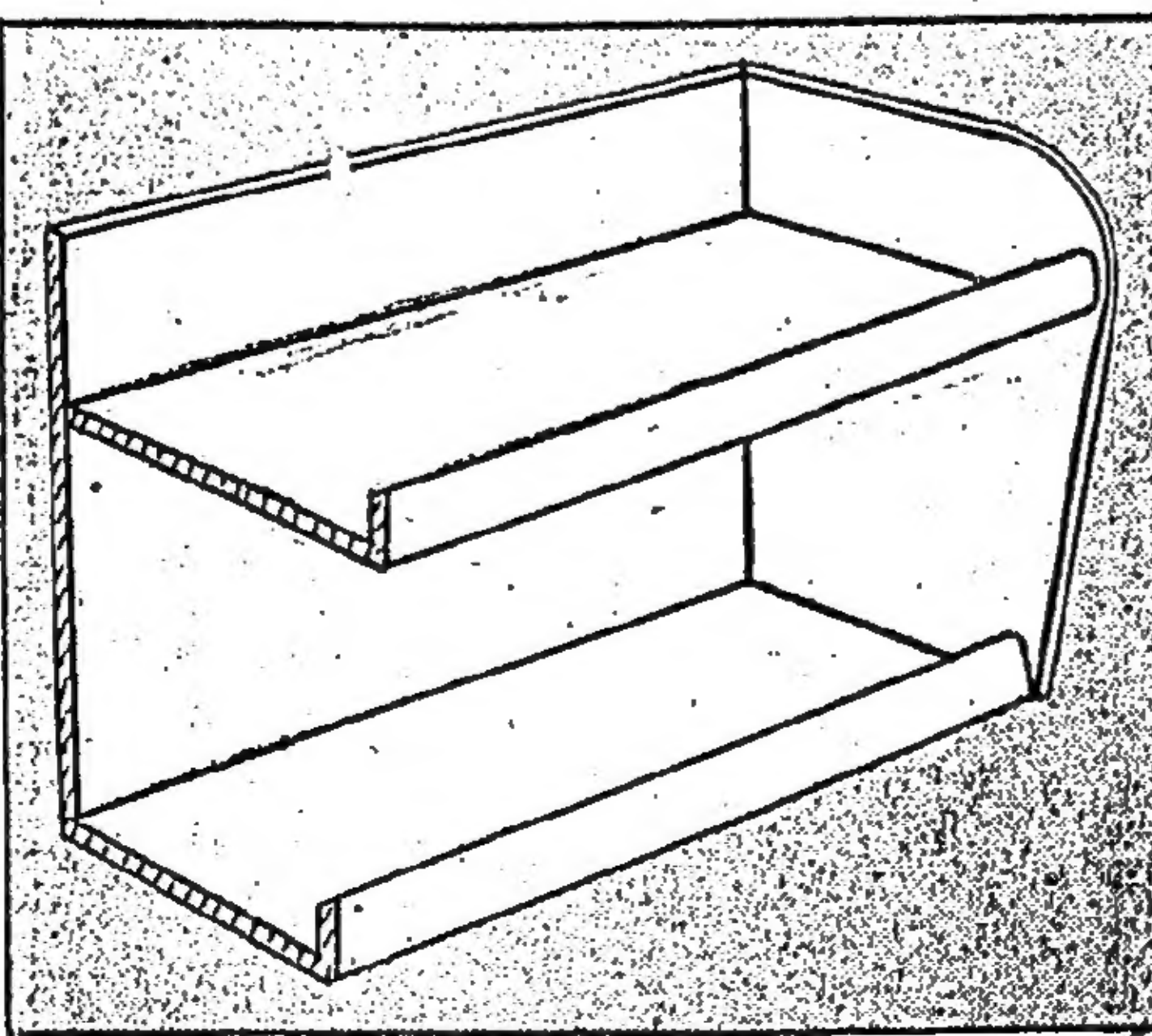
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CAROL singers at the Kowloon Cricket Club Christmas dance last Saturday. On the right are two of the many happy parties present on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



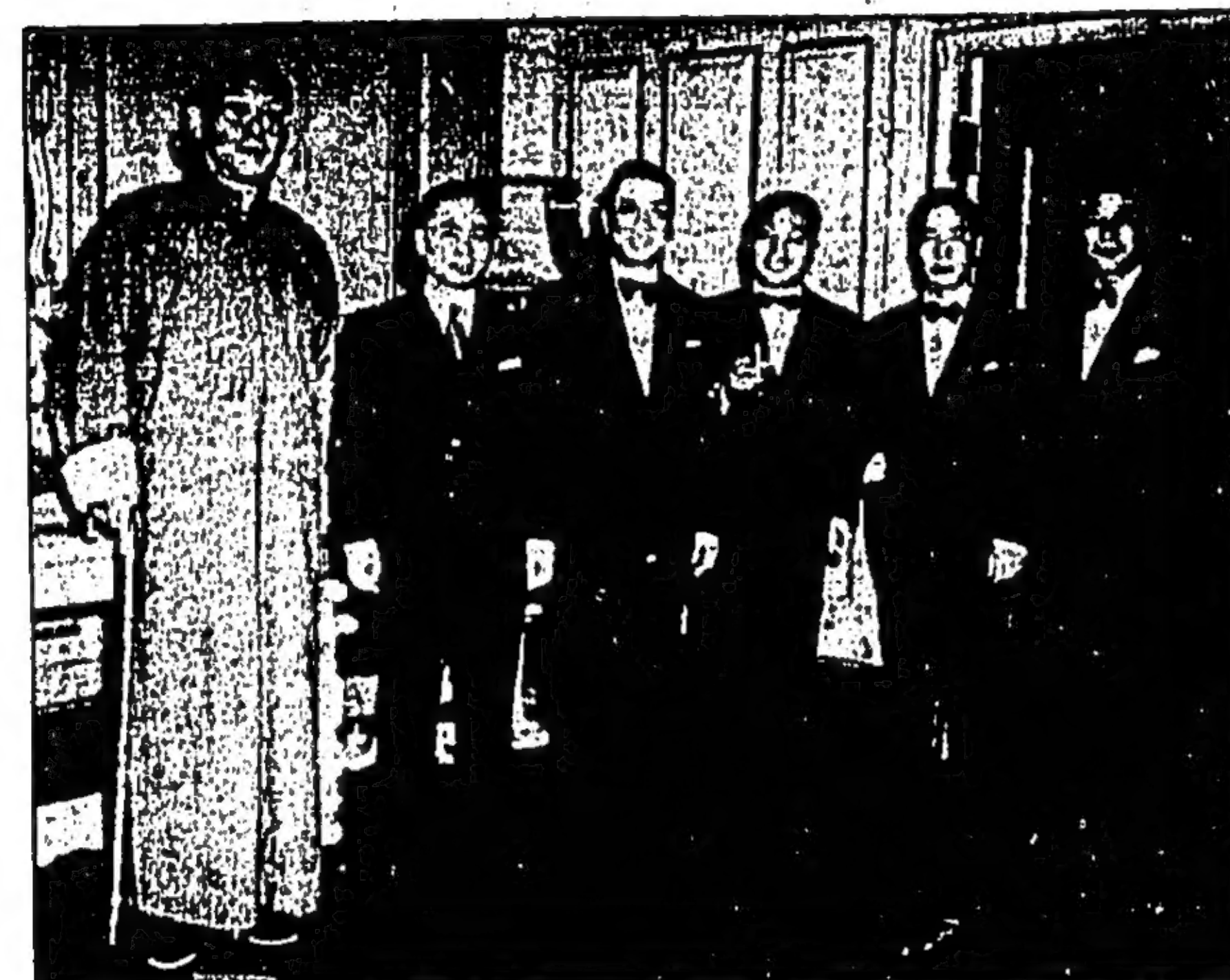
MR A. M. Silva (centre), Deputy for Macao in the Portuguese National Assembly, was guest of honour at a reception given at the Club Lusitano recently. Greeting Mr Silva is Dr E. Brazao, Portuguese Consul in Hongkong. (Francis Wu)



PICTURE taken after the christening at St Joseph's Church last Sunday of Fredericka Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. Noronha. (Ming Yuen)



A race in progress at the sports meeting last week-end organised by the Taikoo Dock Chinese Welfare Association. Right: Lieut. Downer, who won the open marathon race. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



AT the 30th anniversary dinner of American Asiatic Underwriters, Inc., held at the Hongkong Hotel. From left: Messrs. P. Y. Sun, K. M. Chu, Lai Im-tong (manager for Hongkong of the company), K. K. Tso (manager for Shanghai), Ramon Kan and K. M. Lee. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Chen Shiu-chong and Miss Li Wan-ying, whose wedding took place at the Kowloon City Baptist Church last week. (Ming Yuen)

RIGHT: Picture taken after the christening of Mary Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Hicks, at St Teresa's Church last Sunday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Emanuel Silverstone, vice-president of 20th Century-Fox International Films (centre), photographed with film distributors and theatre operators at a cocktail party given in his honour last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Brig. M. S. K. Maunsell, Chief of Staff, Land Forces, Hongkong, inspecting recruits of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit at a passing-out parade last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

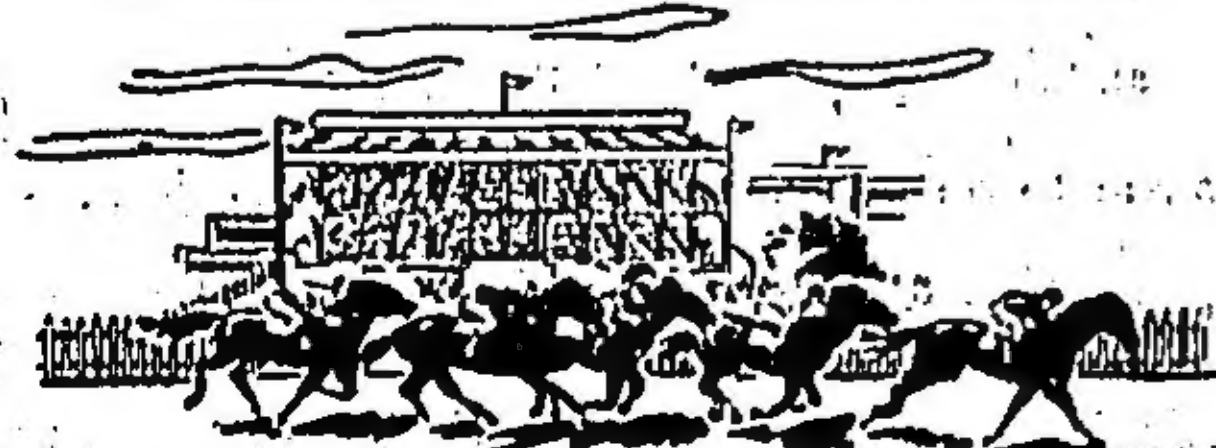


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BUSY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL SOCCER

BY "UNOMI"

The Christmas holidays, starting today, will be a busy period for local football players. Today, four games in the First Division are down for decision. Sunday and Monday will see the start of the International Cup and to round off the programme two more games in the First Division will be played on Tuesday afternoon.

The Senior League is now moulding itself into a definite shape. The position at the top is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kitchee	10	10	0	0	44	4	20
Army	13	9	2	2	41	18	20
KMB	11	9	0	2	39	11	18
St. Joseph's	10	6	2	2	25	20	14

League leaders Kitchee are still undefeated and have a commanding lead. Consistency is the secret of their success. The Kitchee defence have allowed only four goals to pass them up to the present in league matches. They are worthy of their high position in the league.

Army have been victorious in their past eight games. The soldiers are now waiting on Kitchee making a few mistakes. Then they will both be neck and neck for the League Championship.

Kowloon Bus, the third team of the top quartette, has an excellent chance of winning the title. This team, one of the strongest in the Colony, has during the past few seasons had the championship flag within its grasp on many occasions only to have fatal slips at the end of the season rob them of success. Who knows, this may be their season?

St. Joseph's have still an outside chance of finishing on top. If they hope to do so they must improve their standard of play. Their victory over Club last week was most unconvincing.

TODAY'S BEST

Today the game which looks most appealing will be the meeting of Club and Royal Navy at Happy Valley. Both teams play the same brand of football.

Although not as fast as the Chinese, these English teams play the type of game which appeals to the European spectator. Club have been concentrating on fielding the same team every week and the policy appears to be paying dividends. Brown, in goal, has regained the confidence he has lacked of

late and is now handling the ball with safety. The mainstay of the team is the mid-line. Andy Mullen, the Club captain, is in grand form and is the steady influence in a team which contains many youngsters who require a guiding hand. Widger, the inside-right, is the opportunist in the forward line. Recently in the Challenge Shield match he scored three of his team's five goals.

The Navy are a strange team. If they could be assured of having the same players available every week they would be in a position near the top of the League table.

However, service duties come first and they are forced to make drastic changes in their line-up almost every game. The Navy gave a much improved showing last week against KMB to what they have been turning up for a long time and if the same team is available for today's game they should manage to collect both points.

Kowloon Motor Bus should be able to repeat their victory of a fortnight ago when they met Commando at Soekunpo.

THE INTERNATIONALS

The first round of the International Cup is due to be played, one match on Christmas Day and one on Boxing Day. Scotland are given the unenviable task of opposing the strong China eleven in the opening game.

The Scottish team contains some of the Colony's favourite players but the team as a whole lacks the punch necessary to beat the Chinese.

The China team comprises nine Kitchee players and two from KMB. The side is "star"-studded and should ensure entry into the next round of the competition.

The Boxing Day game will be a thriller—England v Portugal at Boundary Street. Despite the fact that the English selectors have many more players to choose from than the other countries, with the exception of China, the side to do duty is not exactly the ideal eleven.

The inclusion of Mariner, Riley, Weston, Harty and Brown adds polish to the team. Tenucci, the Army pivot was selected to play but injury has forced him to withdraw. He will be greatly missed.

CUP FIGHTERS

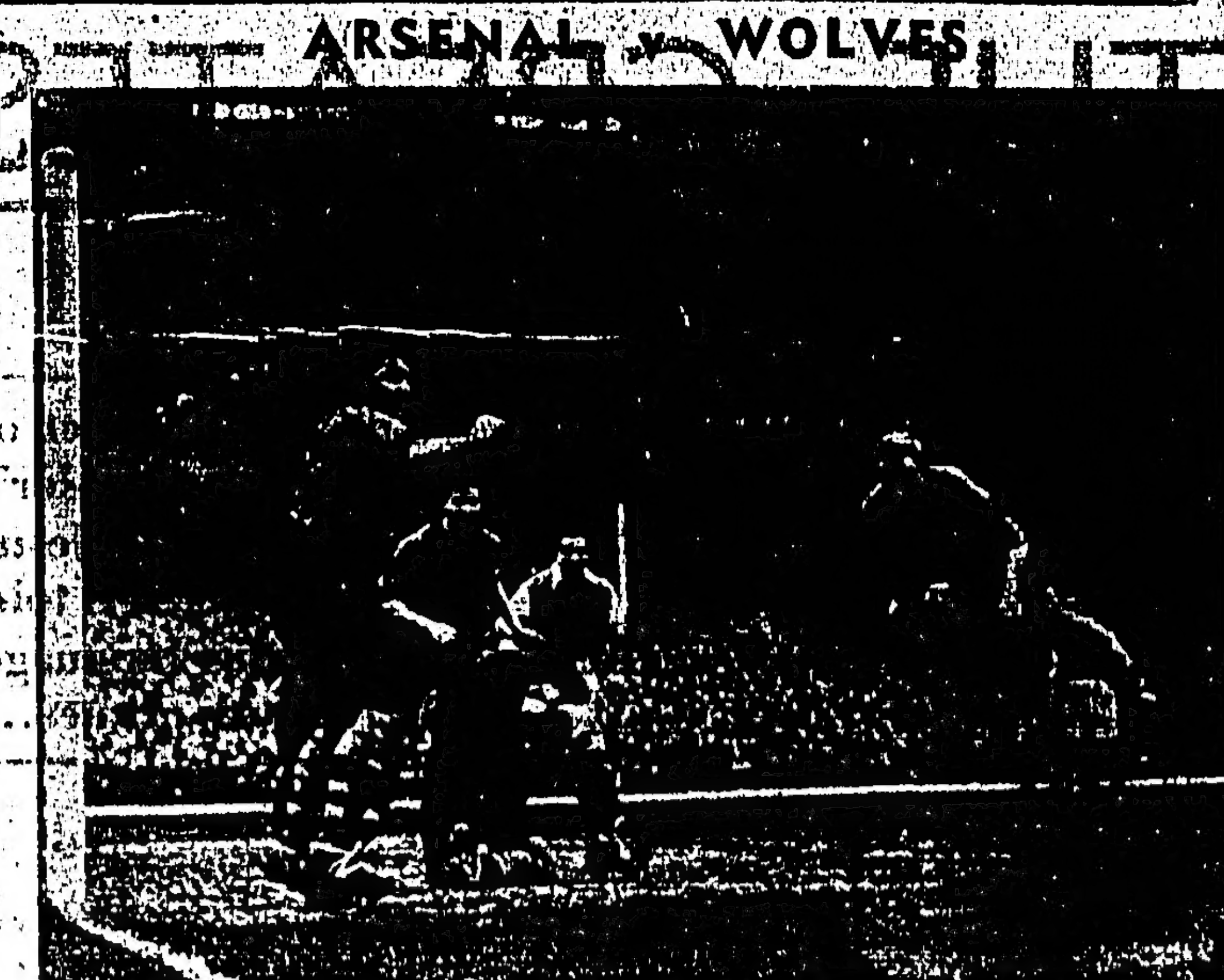
Portugal have a great reputation as cup fighters and even with their limited number of players can be assured of putting up a hard fight. Four players from Macao have been selected and they fit into the style of play of the rest of the team the match will be a real test for the strong English side.

A favourite with local supporters will be in the centre-half for Portugal, Alex. Alkosa. He will be coming to Hong Kong on his high class visits. I think they and company carry that little something extra which is required to win a game of this calibre.

Two League games are scheduled for Tuesday as part of the festive season programme. League leaders Kitchee should account for Eastern, although the latter team can rise to the occasion and may spring one of the season's surprises.

The remaining match, Police v St. Joseph's, will be a most interesting one to watch. The Saints have still ambitions of winning the League Championship and must win this game or say goodbye to all their chances of league honours.

Police are a hard team to beat on their own ground. Howlett is the inspiration of the team and encourages his men to get rid of any inferiority complex they may have regarding opponents. Anything can happen in this game, the result of which may be decided by a late goal.



Wright, Wolves Captain, heads clear from a dangerous situation when Wolverhampton's goalie, Williams, was on the ground in the match at Highbury.

International Series Spices Yuletide Softball Fare

BY "STARDUST"

This year's Yuletide softball bill of fare is spiced with an International flavour which should satisfy the palates of even the most rabid ball fan. The Christmas pageantry features a parade of nations as the opening round games of the annual Series for the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels International Shield gets under way with four teams battling each other on Boxing Day.

Powerful Portugal, holders of the Shield, tangle with the representatives of the Philippines in the opening tilt of a twin bill. The nightcap should be a battle royal between two equally strong teams representing Great Britain and Pakistan. This should be a touch-and-go affair to the finish.

Several loop fixtures will be played off on Monday and Tuesday. The best games are the Senior Loop encounter between St. Theresa's and the Jaguars and the tussle featuring the Squaws and the White Fangs in the Ladies' Junior Section. Frank Cleary's hustling Americans clash with the Overseas in another promising Senior Loop attraction on Tuesday.

Once again Portugal has an imposing array of diamond stars to draw from in selecting her line-up. After several years of fruitless quest, the Lusitanians announced the championship last year by beating Pakistan in a close tussle.

AT THE HELM

Charlie Figueiredo will be at the helm of the Portuguese and will be assisted by Artur Osoz as field captain. Portugal has several pitchers ready for duty and these will be handled by their regular battery mates.

José Franco and Pery Malt of St. Theresa's may get the starting assignment by virtue of their fine showing in the Senior Loop. Other pitching combinations are Chappie Remedios and Bill Yanovich of the Braves, Vic Pedruco and Frankie Correa of the Jaguars, and the Silva-Netto brothers of Madcap vintage.

First base is not a difficult spot to fill. The Tribe's link, Carlos Yanovich, and St. Theresa's Enrico Rosario are safe holders but as the emphasis will be on hitting the Madcap reliable, Rennie Sequeira, may be given the nod.

Mighty mile Artur Osoz is an automatic choice for the keystone berth and will be flanked by either youthfull Junior Remedios or Madcapper Louie Oliveira at short stop. Remedios is a better windy alley custodian than Oliveira and should get the starting role.

Third base will be left to St. Theresa's Billy Soares who is way above the other candidates. Tony Osmund and Gerry Langenberg, in hitting. It can be truly said that Portugal has the best outfield trio in the International Series. There are several outstanding performers to choose from.

The Braves have Guselo Pereira and home run king "Spikes" Guterres. St. Joseph's come up with loop-leading George Souza while St. Theresa's can furnish two reliable fielders in Gerry Roza-Pereira and Oly. Manie Xavier. As Pereira and Xavier will be representing Portugal at football, it is rather doubtful that they will see action in softball as well.

P. I. SIDE KEEN

The Philippines have a less experienced side which must concede superiority to Portugal in all departments of the game.

However, Manager Fred Diesta is quite confident his boys will extend the Portuguese.

The Filipino team has been drawn mostly from the Cumbancheros with additional strength coming from St. Joseph's and the Daredovils. The Philippines lost their first round game last season to Britain after a tense struggle.

The Philippines team will be selected from: Fred Diesta, El Guzman, Ildefonso Dixon, Luis Dinco, Charlie Thompson, Baby Babilida, Sebastian Babilida, Blas Despa, Buntly Neves, Louis Rocha, and Ricardo Malt (Cumbancheros). Frankie Gonzales (St. Joseph's) at Malt, Steve Delgado, Johnnie Castilho, and Chico Castilho (Daredovils).

WELL MATCHED

Pakistan and Britain are well matched and should provide Xmas fans with a thrilling game. Pakistan entered the Finals last year by beating Britain convincingly in the semi-finals. Both teams have new blood this season with Britain strengthened by several youthful stars. Hal Wing Lee has the management of the Britons while Jin Hussain will lead the Pakistanis.

The starting line-ups of both teams are undecided as yet but the teams will be drawn from the following:

Britain: Jack Brown and Ingmar Erikson (St. Theresa), Dave Leonard, Stan Leonard, Bimby Ablong, and Hal Wing Lee (St. Joseph's). Umberto Moss and Eric Guest (Jaguars), Buster Hollands, Sid Hollands, George Saunders, and Anatoly Thomas (Madcaps), Billy Wilkinson, Al Smirke, and Eddie Mason (Baseballers), Gerald Donroy (Junior Jaguars), and Danny Izatt (Braves).

Pakistan: Sherry Bucks, Benny Omar, Capone Rumjahn, and Jin Hussain (St. Joseph's), S. H. Khan, S. K. Khan, "Coffee" Bakar, Skeely Ruzack, Oly Omar Sabu Samy, B. A. Abbas, T. Yusuf, Romco Hamet, and M. A. Wahab (Paks), Junior Markar, Barney Abbas, "Tiger" Hussain, "Tarzan" Ismail (Canadians).

China and the United States have drawn byes in the first round. China will play the winners of the Portugal-Philippines game while the USA

will tangle with either Pakistan or Britain.

Frank Cleary has been nominated to manage a strong American entry in the Series. The players in the side have been drawn from the Americans, Madcaps, and the USS "Sallebury Sound", and include the following:

Pitchers: Benny Fiori, J. Jowers, and Andy Avalos (USN), Norman Schwartz and Fred Heckman (Americans), Catchers: Chief Chaplin (USN) and Bob Murphy (Americans), First Base: Jim Moore (Madcaps) and H. V. Beeson (USN). Second Base: Cliff Flook (A) and Mike Fritchel (USN). Short stop: V. J. McLaughlin (USN), and George Gallop (A). Third base: Red Yandley (USN) and Harry Ayres (A). Outfielders: C. W. Archibald, D. E. McKinley, and Hollywood Saine (USN). Joe Schulte, John Brown, and Bob Porter (A). Utilities: J. L. Buda (USN), Louis Dempsey, Joe Lynch, and Frank Cleary (Americans).

TUESDAY'S TUSSE

Tuesday's tussle between St. Theresa's and the Jaguars will be closely contested as both sides pack strong hitters and have speedy base runners. Theresa start out slight favourites by virtue of their superior experience but the Jolting Jaguars are quite capable of turning the tables at any time. These two teams are playing a postponed fixture which should have an important bearing on the prospects of both teams for the play-offs.

The Americans and the Overseas will take up right where they left off when they first met earlier in the season. Their initial encounter was called on account of darkness in the top of the fifth stanza with the score at 3-3 in favour of the Overseas.

The Yanks have a better team than the side which lined up in that first game with Norman Schwartz heading the Colony's list of hurlers. The Americans are expected to win. The Braves should rout the Daredovils when they meet in another postponed fixture. In the Junior Loop, the Pandas the Delawares reply their drawn game.

"Stardust" wishes all his readers a Merry Xmas full of the joys and happiness associated with the festive occasion.

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People Of Bethlehem Ready For Christmas

MINES EXPLODE AS ISRAELI TROOPS CLEAR ROAD

Bethlehem, Dec. 23.—Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ, is shrouded in a gray mist today as the people prepare for Christmas. It has been raining for 36 hours.

It will be a quiet Christmas Day in the Holy City. Besides members of religious orders of Bethlehem and of nearby Jerusalem, not more than 500 people, mostly United Nations, Red Cross and diplomatic representatives, are expected to attend.

The rains have made treacherous the only road to Bethlehem from Jerusalem on the Arab side, and in Bethlehem today exploding landmines left over from the Palestine war could be heard as Israeli forces cleared the road through Jewish territory from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

Diplomatic and United Nations personnel from the Jewish

side of the area are expected to use this road on their way to attend the Bethlehem services.

CAROLS PLANNED

The celebration will open with the traditional procession of clergy and others to the Church of the Nativity.

Solemn High Mass will be said by Monsignor Gustav Teich, acting Roman Catholic Patriarch in the adjoining St. Catherine's Church, and Masses will continue throughout the day. Midnight Mass will be broadcast.

Protestant denominations, including Anglicans and Lutherans, are planning their own observances in Bethlehem. A group of Anglicans plan to sing carols in the courtyard of the Church of the Nativity.—Associated Press.

FLOCK TO ROME

Vatican City, Dec. 23.—Thousands of Catholic pilgrims of practically all nations tonight converged on Rome for tomorrow's ceremonial opening of the Catholic Holy Year.

The came by land, sea and air. Some travelled in luxury coaches. Others arrived on foot from places as far away as Sheffield, England.

Their first goal on arriving in Rome was the huge St. Peter's Basilica, scene of tomorrow's centuries old ceremony. Paradoxically, the colonnaded Square in front of the Cathedral was tonight the quietest place in all the city. The Church had been closed all day as workmen rushed to put the finishing touches to the ornate stands for tomorrow's complicated ceremony.

Disappointed pilgrims stood outside the Church in the dusk, peering through the gaps in the great bronze gates hoping to catch a glimpse of the scene inside to give them a hint of the atmosphere of tomorrow's opening ceremony.

POLICE PREPARE

Rome police, preparing for a possible Communist demonstration tomorrow, tonight ordered extra riot squads to be posted.

The Communist-led Agricultural Union has called on landless peasants from the Roman countryside to rally in the square near one of the door-opening ceremonies and demonstrate against the Government's "procuratorship" in splitting up the large estates among the peasants.

Police have banned the demonstration as "provocative."

Then the unions called for the meeting to be held at their Party headquarters nearby. The police banned this, too, as "dangerous," on the grounds that the headquarters was too small and the meeting was bound to overflow into the street.

The unions said tonight that it was "impossible" to call off the demonstration so late in the evening and they were seeking police permission to meet elsewhere.

An official said that if this were not granted the peasants would probably flow to the Colosseum Square "of their own accord."—Reuter.

SPORT IN BRIEF:

Referees Seek Protection

London, Dec. 23.—A recommendation that more protection should be given to English referees who visit Brazil is to be made to the English Football Association by three officials who have arrived home.

Gilles Dundas alleged that after a match he was attacked by a crowd and was kicked. He escaped in a radio correspondent's car, which was stoned.

On another occasion, after a match, a Brazilian referee came to his dressing room, handed him a suitcase and said: "You had better take this. You will need it."

Arthur Ford, a teetotaler, said that he was accused of being drunk by a director of a testing team and was also kicked by a player. He added that linesmen had to be armed.

The other member of the trio, Fred Lowe, stated that pitches in Brazil were bad and in one match he broke an ankle bone. It is understood that two other referees, W. Martin and S. Roberts, who return next week, do not agree with this severe criticism. Arthur Berry and Richard Maddison, who have also arrived home, said that they had been treated with respect everywhere.

At a dinner at Buenos Aires, they were told that the visit of English referees did more to help relations with the Argentine than anything else.—Reuter.

Ortiz Gets

Another Offer:

London, Dec. 23.—A "promoting" battle seems to be starting here for the services of Manuel Ortiz, the Mexican holder of the world bantamweight title.

Mr. Jack Solomons, the London promoter, planned to match Ortiz and Danny O'Sullivan, of London, in a world title contest at Harringay on February 28, but it has been reported here that another London promoter, Jack Cappel, has offered Ortiz \$30,000 to defend his title against Luis Romero, the Spanish and European Champion, in Spain.

Mr. Solomons, on hearing of the rival offer, broke into his holiday to return to London and place before the British Boxing Board of Control cables and correspondence relating to this proposed title fight.

Earlier Mr. Solomons had announced that Ortiz had agreed by trans-Atlantic telephone to defend his championship against O'Sullivan in London on February 28.

It is understood that Cappel's offer has been made in conjunction with a Spanish promoter, and that it is proposed to stage the fight at the Football Stadium in Barcelona in March.—Reuter.

Christmas Carols

As a special Christmas Eve presentation Rediffusion has arranged to broadcast a half-hour of Christmas carols by the Catholic Cathedral choir of 60 voices under the direction of Fr. Henry Beretta. The programme will be heard at 8 o'clock today and will originate in the Catholic Cathedral. The organ accompaniment will be by Miss Eileen Chan. The programme will consist of carols old and new, some in English and in Latin.

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